

REMARKS

Initially, the Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given to this case.

The Examiner has objected to the abstract of the disclosure because of undue length. Applicants have amended the abstract to conform to MPEP 608.01(b).

The Examiner has requested that a typographical error be corrected in the specification. Applicants have provided a replacement paragraph amending the specification to correct the typographical error. Applicants have further amended the specification to remove a hyperlink reference as required by MPEP 608.01.

The Examiner has objected to claims 8, 17 and 26 because one or more words are missing in the claims. Applicants have inserted the word "in" at the position noted by the Examiner in each of the above-listed claims in response to the Examiner's objection.

The Examiner has rejected claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for a lack of antecedent basis for the limitation "said on-line service." Applicants have amended claim 19 to overcome the antecedent basis rejection.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-7, 10-16 and 19-25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,470,378 to *Tracton et al.* Applicants have cancelled claims 2, 11 and 20. Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection with respect to these claims is moot. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection with respect to claims 1, 3-7, 10, 12-16, 19 and 21-25.

Independent claim 1 incorporates features not disclosed in the prior art cited by the Examiner. In particular, *Tracton et al.* does not teach or suggest "storing a certification file in said client computer only if said client computer is determined to have said sufficient performance capability" as required by claim 1.

Tracton et al. does not teach storing a certification file. However, *Tracton et al.* does disclose requesting a certification file from a client computer. *Tracton et al.* further discloses the following: "A request is received from a client having certain capabilities. This request is automatically satisfied in a manner tailored to the capabilities of a client." (col. 3, lines 9-12). In other words, *Tracton et al.* discloses satisfying requests from all clients based on their capabilities. As such, *Tracton et al.* does not disclose discriminating between computers having sufficient performance capability and those that do not. All client computers disclosed in *Tracton et al.* are permitted to access the server at varying levels of service. In contrast, amended independent claim 1 discloses storing a certification file in a client computer only if the client computer is determined to have sufficient performance capability. For at least this reason, claim 1 is allowable over the prior art cited by the Examiner.

Similarly, amended independent claim 10 incorporates features not disclosed in the prior art cited by the Examiner. In particular, *Tracton et al.* does not teach or suggest "storing a certification file in said client computer only if said client computer is determined to have said sufficient performance capability." As stated above, *Tracton et al.* does not discriminate between computers having sufficient performance capability and those that do not, as required by claim 10. For at least this reason, claim 10 is allowable over the prior art cited by the Examiner.

Furthermore, amended independent claim 19 incorporates features not disclosed in the prior art cited by the Examiner. In particular, *Tracton et al.* does not teach or suggest a server configured to "store a certification file in said client computer only if said client computer is determined to have sufficient performance capability." As stated above, *Tracton et al.* does not discriminate between computers having sufficient performance capability

and those that do not, as required by claim 19. For at least this reason, claim 19 is allowable over the prior art cited by the Examiner.

Since claims 3-7 depend from and incorporate all of the limitations of allowable independent claim 1; claims 12-16 depend from and incorporate all of the limitations of allowable independent claim 10; and claims 21-25 depend from and incorporate all of the limitations of allowable independent claim 19, claims 3-7, 12-16 and 21-25 are likewise allowable over the prior art.

The Examiner has rejected claims 8, 9, 17, 18, 26 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Tracton et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,732,218 to *Bland et al.* Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 8 and 9 depend from and incorporate all of the limitations of allowable independent claim 1. Claims 17 and 18 depend from and incorporate all of the limitations of allowable independent claim 10. Claims 26 and 27 depend from and incorporate all of the limitations of allowable independent claim 19. Accordingly, claims 8, 9, 17, 18, 26 and 27 each incorporate features not disclosed in the prior art cited by the Examiner. In particular, *Tracton et al.* does not teach or suggest "storing a certification file in said client computer only if said client computer is determined to have said sufficient performance capability." as required by claims 8, 9, 17 and 18. Moreover, *Tracton et al.* does not teach or suggest a server configured to "store a certification file in said client computer only if said client computer is determined to have said sufficient performance capability." as required by claims 26 and 27. As stated above, *Tracton et al.* does not discriminate between computers having sufficient performance capability and those that do not.

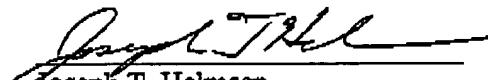
Bland et al. does not overcome the deficiencies of *Tracton et al.* The Examiner does not purport that *Bland et al.* teaches storing a certification file in a client computer only if said client computer is determined to have said sufficient performance capability. Indeed, *Bland et al.* does not teach storing a certification file at all. *Bland et al.* merely teaches gathering information management data on a client and periodically reporting the data to a service management system. For at least this reason, claims 8, 9, 17, 18, 26 and 27 are allowable over the prior art cited by the Examiner.

The Examiner has rejected claims 28-30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Tracton et al.* in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0014505 to *Ramberg et al.* Applicants have cancelled claims 28-30. Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection with respect to these claims is moot.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the amendment and response set forth herein, together with the submitted Petition for Extension of Time, is sufficient to overcome the rejections set forth by the Examiner. Accordingly, allowance of claims 1, 3-10, 12-19 and 21-27 is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding these remarks, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone conference with the undersigned prior to the next office action.

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